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Police urge drivers to stay sober on St. Patrick's Day

Howard County police will be increasing patrols on St. Patrick's Day to keep the roads safe on a holiday that often sees increases in impaired drivers.

St. Patrick's Day is historically one of the most dangerous holidays for drunk driving. Police are alerting drivers that additional patrols will be in place to seek out impaired drivers and take them off the roads. The police department is urging those who plan to attend St. Patrick's Day parties to designate a non-drinking driver before consuming any alcohol.

There were 276 drunk driving fatalities on St. Patrick's Day in the U.S. from 2009-2013, making it one of the deadliest holidays on the road for drunk driving, according to MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

As always, police are asking people under the age of 21 to avoid alcohol and adults of legal drinking age to use good judgment and celebrate safely.

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